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Date: January 23, 2005

Your ref: 133080-2

To: REINHOLD COHN AND PARTNERS

Dear Sirs,

Re: Notification of Defects in Patent Application No. 142842
Your letter of 14.10.2004

In accordance with Regulation 41 of the Patent Regulations – 1968, I notify you herewith that the defects specified hereinbelow were found in the above-mentioned application. A reply is due within four months of the above date. Extensions of time are available upon payment of the prescribed fee.

1. The set of claims in its present form includes three separate inventions which were underlined in the margin, and therefore contradicts section 8 of the Law. At this stage, the examination is performed only for invention 1 (Claims 1-21).

We wish to draw your attention to the directives of Section 24(b) of the Law.

5. Under the stipulations of Section 5 of the Law, I cite against Claim 1 the publications: US 5,738,864, US 4,386,026, US 5,658,592, EP 712635, EP 640622, WO 97/46260, which describe pharmaceutical compositions comprising polymers modified with saccharide and similar groups which are linked to active material.
20. Further remarks were made against claims 12-15 and in the description of the specification on page 7.
23. Please inform me whether any additional references were made against corresponding applications abroad since your response of October 14, 2004.

Respectfully,

Dr. H. Cross
Chief Patent Examiner

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